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Professor Joshua Lederberg
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Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Professor Lederberg:

As you might have heard, I am now located in Washington, D.C., associated with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology as Scientific Director of Pathology. I retired last June from the Professorship of Pathology at Vanderbilt University and began my duties here at the Institute on July 1.

Recently I returned to Nashville, and in discussing University affairs with Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, found that he is interested in making an appointment to the position of Professor and Head of the Department of Biology. Chancellor Branscomb is convinced of the great importance of this Department to the University as a whole, and to its relationships with the University School of Medicine. My knowledge of conditions on the Vanderbilt campus and in relation to the program of biology and other sciences on the campus lead me to believe that this is an excellent opportunity for the right person to make a very significant contribution in teaching, research and general leadership in the biological sciences at the University. It is possible to suggest the salary range of from around \$9000 to \$12,000, depending upon circumstances, on an annual, 12-month basis.

There are no restrictions relative to the particular line of biological endeavor that might be represented by a candidate, but it is pointed out that, at the present time, there is no good work being done on the campus in the field of genetics. Likewise, interest would be attached to someone working in some field of cellular biology, generally speaking. There would be, from the University standpoint, some interest in throwing emphasis on the Department of Biology in the direction of relationships with the School of Medicine rather than in the concentration of an effort in a relatively unrelated field, such as certain aspects of botany.

Chancellor Branscomb requested that I assist him in the matter by submitting names to be considered, or more specifically by making definite recommendations.

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I would appreciate it very much if you would give me the benefit of your thoughts on this matter in reference to potential candidates and their fields of interest, so that I might help Chancellor Branscomb to proceed with some expeditiousness in making an appointment.

Might I ask you to give me your evaluation of Dr. James V. Neel, who heads Human Genetics at the Institute of Human Biology, University of Michigan?

Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I am

Sincerely yours,


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